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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PWS - JOURNALISTS MISSING IN SEA

REF: STATE 056484

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 4 REFTEL, EMBOFF DISCUSSED WITH WALTER CRONKITE SUBJECT OF MISSING JOURNALISTS IN SEA AND CURRENT ACTIVITIES IN SAIGON OF US JOURNALIST ZALIN P. GRANT ON THEIR BEHALF. CRONKITE PERMITTED EMBOFF TO PHOTOCOPY FOUR- PAGE REPORT DATED MARCH 20 WHICH GRANT SUBMITTED TO CRONKITE.

2. IN BRIEF, GRANT'S REPORT STATES HE HAS INTERVIEWED APPROXIMATELY 1,100 RVN PRISONERS RECENTLY RELEASED BY DRV AND PRG. REPORT THEN SUMMARIZES INFORMATION WE HAVE BEEN SEEING IN PRESS IN RECENT WEEKS THAT ONE RVN RETURNEE STATED THAT SIX CAUCASIAN PWS HE SAW IN EASTERN CAMBODIA IN MAY 1972 WERE IDENTIFIED TO HIM AS FOREIGN JOURNALISTS. OTHER RETURNEES REPORTED HEARSAY INFORMATION CONCERNING JOURNALIST PRISONERS. COPY OF REPORT IS BEING POUCHED TO U/ PW.

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3. CRONKITE INFORMED EMBOFF THAT HIS COMMITTEE WAS MODERATELY ENCOURAGED BY GRANT' S REPORT. CRONKITE HAD, THEREFORE, TRANSMITTED ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO GRANT IN SAIGON WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTINUE HIS INVESTIGATION. CRONKITE STATED THAT HE HOPED THAT GRANT WOULD BE PERMITTED TO VISIT JCRC AT NKP BEFORE HE CONCLUDED HIS ACTIVITIES. WE SUGGESTED THAT GRANT APPROACH DAO AT SAIGON IN THIS REGARD.

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